

CHILDRENS PANEL ADDED TO SCHEDULE (see page 2)

Wolff and Willard
Slated Readers Thursday

Both Nancy Willard and Geoffrey are scheduled to read today. Wolff's hour will be this afternoon, at 3:30, and Willard will read this evening at 8:00.

Wolff, whose novels include Bad Debts and The Sightseer, will read from a new book, Inklings. It is to be published by Random House in the spring of 1977. He will also take passages from a work in progress, Duke of Deception. Wolff's non-fiction volume, Black Sun, was recently released by Random House. That work, a life of Harry Crosby, was called a "fascinating biography" by Paul Fussell in last Sunday's New York Times Book Review.

Nancy Willard, poet and fiction writer, will read a short story titled "Her Father's House," which appeared in the March 1976 issue of Redbook. She will also read a selection of new and old poems. Willard, who teaches at Vassar and has Skin of Grace, 19 Masks and other poetry titles to her credit, has just been awarded a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts. She plans to finish a new collection of poems with the grant. Also in the future, are the publication dates of a short story, "Animals Running on a Windy Crown," which will appear in October's American Review, and two children's books, Simple Pictures Are Best and Stranger's Bread, both to published in 1977.

%%%%%%%%%

Departure

All those who are taking buses back to the world this weekend should fill in their names, destinations, and bus arrival and departure times below. The desk needs this information to plan transportation into Middlebury. (Clarification - don't all sign one sheet. One each. TMX)

Name:

Time:

Day:

Destination:

+++++

Bulletins: Softball Sat....sign up at desk....doubles teams in tournament are asked to finish second round by today... semis on Friday and championship on Sat.

Workshops Continue

There are six workshops planned for the day. Again, all are urged to be prompt.

9:00 Workshops: Morrison 2, Swenson 1

10:45 Workshops: Justice 1, Elkin 2

2:00 Workshops: Segal 2, Pack 1

)))

Lost

A brown notebook, in parking lot, full of notes (what else?) for an article on skiing. Return to front office.

In the bushes south of Treman, a badly worn mortal sin. Please leave at the desk, no questions asked.

Leather shoes with black soles; return to Rachel Michaud in larch.

++++

Composition

Again, the final figures indicate Bread Loaf's population to be 2/5 Irish, 2/5 Jewish, and 1/5 WASP, the latterly fraction trying desperately to imitate the anxieties of the two major groups.

+++

Scholars Reading

Tonight at 9:15, in the theater, three Bread Loaf scholars will read: Alice Hoffman, Edward Mooney and James Atlas.

%%%

Politics

Jimmy Carter, the former Georgia governor and present candidate for the White House has denied reports that he will put the presidential limousine on blocks should he be elected.

@@@

Editorial

The Crumb's editor, along with the composition room, typesetters, delivery drivers and bureau chiefs, regret that the paper has not been able to publish all contributions to the Bread Box. Mr. Biddle, especially, deserves apologies; Biddle has a pine tree's worth of printable prose. Space problems are real, unfortunately, and all cannot go. The editor does enjoy the submissions, though as he sits in a ethereal fog of correction fluid. Keep'em coming.

T Shirts

Sallie Glassman, a teeshirt designer from Big Apple land, is taking orders for Bread Loaf shirts. A design is posted on the bulletin board; cost is to be \$7.00. Sallie's box is 74 and all orders and/or questions can be directed to her.

#####

Donations

Don't forget to donate to the Sq. Dance. The band must be paid for and money is behind schedule.

Publication News

John Irving's story, "Jenny and the Ball-turret Gunner" is available in the book store for \$1.25 in the June Play-boy.

Scribner's will publish May Swenson's The Guess and Spell Coloring Book this fall. It's for bright babies and is illustrated by Lise Gladstone. It is a work-play book containing riddles, pix, colored slides.

11111
44444

Fetes Coming

Eat carbohydrates to prepare for the party events of the weekend. They will include a reception at 5:00 on the lawn at Treman and a dance in the barn Saturday at 9:30.

Children's Panel

At 4:30 today there will be a discussion of writing for children. The addition to the daily workshops will include and feature Connie Goldman, of the PBS program "All Things Considered." Goldman will interview Lore Segal, Nancy Willard, Hilma Wolitzer, Sue Ellen Bridgers and others interested in writing for children.

Tables Topics

Waiters and waitresses are writers who wait, not just hash slingers. You are urged to tip them via the tip box. Only six dollars have come in so far. If you were eating \$80 worth of food in restaurants, you would generously tip \$8-12 dollars. You should do more for writers who wait.

+++++

A literary light should be a joy to his amperes....

J. Bridgeman
(The editor disclaims
this...)

PPP

Quiz: What is the heroic coupling?

PPP

Personal Ad

You were in blue jeans, reading Yeats to a cow in Ripton. I, in teeshirt and drinking Tavola Red. Wanted to meet but was too shy to speak. Meet in lobby after dinner.

Toni Morrison Speaker

Toni Morrison, author of The Bluest Eye and Sula, will read from a recently completed novel this evening. The novel, as yet without title, will be published by Knopf in 1977.

In addition to her novels, Morrison has written non-fiction and has been, since 1965, a senior editor at Random House. She has taught at Texas Southern University and Howard University and her articles have appeared in Ms., The New York Times Magazine and the New York Times Book Review.

///

Scholars to Read

Bread Loaf's 13 scholars plan to read this week, three sharing the theater each evening. Readings begin tonight at 9:15 with Mary Crow, David Milofsky, and Cleopatra Mathis.

????

Children's Hour

A story telling hour will be held tonight at 8:00 in Fritz for all children, regardless of age. Adrian Benepe will read.

11111111
22222222

Readers Invited

Anyone who would like to read poetry or fiction for "a gorgeous poetic Seeing Eye dog, whose mistress is all ears," should contact Lynette Denney or Mary Crawford. Mary's box is 56.

+++

A quiz: What was ode to the Grecian urn?

More Party

The Bread Loaf Prom, for over 30's, will be held tonight in the loft of the barn. Time is 10:00 and music will cut off with the Beatle era. Pre-medians are invited but they will not be allowed to vote for the prom queen. Buddy Holly lives!

@@@

Change

Get ready: Wed. at 4:30 there's going to be a discussion of writing for children. Watch for details in tomorrow's edition.

Workshops

So what's a workshop? Practical extensions of the talk at the conference so far. They begin today and the subject is manuscripts brought by members. Staff select from the material they read, pointing out successes and problems they feel will be informative for the group.

You may attend any or all workshops and participate - there is no auditor, contributor distinction. Two are usually scheduled at once, so a choice between poetry and prose is necessary.

Staff will not include all mss. they have read, but they invite response and reaction from all. The purpose is to be helpful - criticism is healthy, but work will never be condemned. (Numbers following the names of workshop leaders refer to barn classrooms.)

9:00 Workshops: Pack 2, Elkin 1.

10:45 Workshops: Elliott 2, Swenson 1.

2:00 Workshops: Bell 1, Willard 2.

3:30 Panel on Starting - How to Begin the First Blank Page, with Pack, Bell, Irving and Willard.

*

Retraction

Again, the previous date must be retracted by The Crumb. Sunday and Monday were both Aug. 22 here at Bread Loaf. However, to keep you in synch with the rest of the world, The Crumb's attempt to reform the calendar and deny age will cease.

@@@@@

\$ Question

Thank you for the fiver, but The Crumb cannot be bought. Whoever placed the bill in the Bread Box has donated to the waiter and waitress fund, whether the donor knows it or not.

\$ Question Cont.

Gratuities for the waiters and waitresses are welcome. A box, not to be confused with the Bread Box, will be placed inside the door. Drop a gift in to the top.

The Crumb regrets not being able to publish any personals of a serious nature. The editor, however, will consider all offers.

SCHEDULE: On
Time Warning Urged!

Workshops continue today, and all are requested to arrive on time as a courtesy to members and staff. Also stay until the workshop is finished to avoid noise and insult to those involved in the discussion. (Numbers refer to barn classrooms.)

9:00 Workshops: Strand 1, Irving 2.

10:45 Workshops: Meredith 1, Wolff 2.

2:00 Tim O'Brien: "A Reading 'from a gory novel.'" Also, Bread Loaf Fellows Susan Greve, David St. John and Terrence des Pres.

Justice Reading
Tonight in Theater

Donald Justice, who was the winner of the Lamont Poetry award for The Summer Anniversaries, will read from that and other books this evening. The individual poems had not yet been chosen, said Justice, describing the reading as "ordinary and straight," without an introductory lecture. Now a member of the English faculty at the University of Iowa, Justice has taught at Princeton and held Ford and Rockefeller grants. Awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship for 1976-77, he plans to finish a new book during the coming year. It will be published by Atheneum, though no date has been set.

Correction
The panel on writing for children is not this afternoon at 4:30, as reported. It is tomorrow at that time. in barn 1.

South Rises Again
Southern writers will meet again tonight at 9:30 in barn 1. Yankees and others without accent are allowed as spectators only.

Re-box
There is a box at the door of the dining room for donations toward a square dance on Saturday. A caller from Rochester, VT and a four-piece group organized by Francis Cram will play. The budget is in your hands.

EDITORIAL

Concerning yesterday's parasite Crump, a mere crouton of yellow journalism, The Real Crumb's staff is heartily en-

raged. It was only by changing into his superman suit that the editor was able to prevent the copy room staff from violently attacking the alleged conspirators, the all-male residents of Brandy Brook, anti-romantics who should change the house name to Randy Brook. Their letter of disclaimer, written in gothic crayola, is not accepted by the editorial board of The Real Crumb. The false crumb, however, served to roast marshmallows last evening for the conference's children. "...anarchy is loosed upon the world."

Sick

Sick call will be at 5:30 today and tomorrow, not 7:30.

*

BYOB at Larch Well today at 5:00.

*

"Peppercorns taste like hell," he said furtively.

Lost

A golden earring. Return to Kate in Larch #1.

And Found

Four kittens. If you want to give one a home, contact Priscilla Price, box 126. Please, before the kitchen gets them.

Scholars

Scholars Marguerite Bouvard, Laurel Blossom and Rachel Hadas will read tonight at 9:15 in the theater.

PPP

Equipment borrowed from the infirmary must be returned before the end of the conference or members will be billed for cost. Thank you.

Pack to Read from New
Volume

Robert Pack, poet and teacher as well as Director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, will read this evening from his newly published Keeping Watch. Published by Rutgers University Press, Keeping Watch has already sold out in Bread Loaf's book store, but a new shipment is expected before the conference ends.

Pack is the former poetry editor of Discovery and has been awarded Borestone Mountain Poetry and National Institute of Arts and Letters prizes. Past works include Guarded by Women, Home from the Cemetery and Nothing But Light. Tonight's reading will also feature some new individual poems.

////

Health Forms

Dr. Dale and Nurse Schalk ask that the following conference members please obtain health forms from Carol Knauss, in the office, and return the completed forms to Mailbox #12.

Anne Brink
Stanley Elkin
Kathi Donahue
Jennie Hinman
Richard Johnson
Merrill Kaitz
Brenda Klopatsowski
Toni Morrison
Julie Schley
B. & J. Segal
Leon Shtainmets
Dan Smith

+--+--+

Reminders: BYOB at Larch Well, 5:00....
Dancing in Barn Loft, BYOB, Tuesday at 9:30....

!

Quiz answer to "Watt is a literary light?"
1) Someone who can be re-volting.
2) Someone who writes poems.

!!!!

Lost: in the debauché Saturday night, on floor of barn, a black italic pen. Return to Charlotte Glasser, head waitress.

%%

Quiz: List four words in the English language that end in "dous."

Note Schedule Change
Open Hour

Paul Gray, the editor and book reviewer from Time Magazine, scheduled to speak at 9:00 this morning, has had to cancel today's visit. Gray, a former professor at Princeton and a past staff member at Bread Loaf, may be able to visit later in the week. The 9:00 slot will be open this morning.

10:10 Marvin Bell: "'...the poem of the mind in the act of finding what will suffice.'"

11:20 Toni Morrison: "Clarity, Perception and Language."

2:00 May Swenson: "What I Have Learned, In the Process, About the Process."

3:15 Larry Raab: "Readings from The Collector of Cold Weather." Also,

Bread Loaf Fellows Donald Bredes and Richard Ford.

Readings

There will be an open trade-off reading in an informal circle on the second floor of the barn tonight. Time is 9:00

All Southern writers are invited to come to the barn's room #1 tonight at 9:30 to discuss, read and exchange work.

Gallery

The two ground floor classrooms in the barn are about to become a poetry gallery, a la John the Divine in New York. Poets are invited to place up to three poems on the blackboard, including name and address.

Re: Duck

Complaints have been made about the bulk of the "duck hitchhiking to New York" joke being excluded from yesterday's sports news. There is no story; send one in.....

The Crumb office has just been invaded by Martin, Pack, Feder, Strand and Morrison children...the editor can no longer think...the news room is closed.....

Segal to Speak

Lore Segal, author of Tell Me a Mitzi, All the

Way Home, and other works, will speak tonight in the theater. Segal titled the talk "Readings from Some-

thing Old, Something New." The new material will be drawn from a novel, Lucinella, to be published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux Sept. 15 of this year.

Segal has held Guggenheim and CAPS grants and will be teaching at Sarah Lawrence, Princeton and Columbia this fall. In the spring of 1977, she will publish a new children's book, Tell Me a Trudy, also with Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

* * * *

Short Schedule
Today

3:00 Panel on Research, with Walter Goodman, Geoffrey Wolff, Toni Morrison and Terence Des Pres.

4:15 Mark Strand: Readings "Old Poems, New Poems, Old Translations, New Translations." See story this page.

% % % % %

Warning: there have been thefts at Bread Loaf. Valuables may be left at desk.



Strand Reading
to Be "Miserable"

Mark Strand, author of Reasons for Moving, The Story of Our Lives, and other volumes of poetry, will read from his work this afternoon in the theater. He warns that "the audience should expect to be made extremely unhappy."

Strand plans to draw his material from both early and recent poems and translations. His translations include 18 Poems from the Quechua and The Owl's Insomnia, a selection of poems by Rafael Alberti. "I will read the poems without comment, explanation or apology," Strand said Saturday.

\$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Time Stops in Vermont

For those of you who have noticed a slower pace at Bread Loaf, The Crumb explains that yesterday was not Aug. 20, as published. We retract yesterday. TNX

¢ ¢ ¢ ¢ ¢ ¢ ¢

GUESTS

New arrivals include Walter and Elaine Goodman. Mr. Goodman is an editor with The New York Times, an sometime rival to The Crumb.....also, Suzanne Rioff, poet visiting from Cambridge, MA. The Crumb apologizes for overlooking Ms. Rioff's arrival in the last issue.

??????

Booze

Richard Harteis will make another rum run tomorrow. He will take orders in the blue parlor from 1.45 to 2:00. Pickup is 5:30 to 5:50. Those who do not get their liquor on time will have it sipped up by Mr. Harteis.

BYOB

A BYOB party will be held tomorrow afternoon in Larch Well. Kickoff is 5:00.

&

Now, turn the page.

Bread Loaf Facts

Bread Loaf's evolution as a conference center and school began when Joseph Battell willed Middlebury College the Inn and 30,000 acres of surrounding landscape. The college sold most of the land to the federal government. The college held 600 acres and began the School of English in the early twenties and the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in 1926

+++

Wit Standings

One week of competition in the Wit Parade finds C. Glasser in a heated race with D. Smith for the first spot. Other league members, locked in a scramble for third place, have closed a skein of tightly contested road games.

	W	L	JB
C. Glasser	18	4	-
D. Smith	17	5	1
N. Girault	12	10	6
S. Rioff	11	11	7
M. Dodds	10	12	8
W. Zaranka	2	20	16

How the Jokes were Scored.

Smith defeated Dodds with the one about the duck hitchhiking to New York. Glasser edged Girault in late innings with "I love pouring coffee." Last night's joke-off between Rioff and Zaranka had to be cancelled in the 17th because of darkness.

Quiz: Watt is a literary light?

Don't forget Frost cabin trip today at 10:00 a.m.

**

Re: Rabbit

Peter Rabbit passed with the morning dew.
Now what will Mrs. Rabbit and the children do?

Hare Today, Gone Tomorrow

LOST

Ivory leather change purse.
If found, please leave at the front desk.

Books: Gathering the Bones...
Contemp. Poetry...
please return to M.
Smolenski in annex.

~~~~~

### Open Reading in Barn

Tonight, at 9:15 in barn room #1, there will be an open poetry reading. Dick Bidwell and Jeanne Blackwell will conduct; join as a listener or participant.

~~~~~

Hike to Mt.

Expedition leader Margery Guyler, along with navigator Judy Lawson, will lead a hike to Bread Loaf Mt. today. Wear boots or heavy shoes, rucksacks, and smiles and be on the front porch at 9:00. The hike takes about six hours and requires healthy lungs and muscles.

!!!!!!!

Poem to Volleyballers

Control your temper when youre mad.
Remember, 2 implore.
Give teeth that smile instead of clench
And keep them off the floor.

Regrets: an unidentified novelist was slightly injured yesterday. After the boiled onions at dinner, she was trying to back away from her own burp and fell off the front porch.

9876

Tennis contestants are asked to negotiate times for matches as soon as possible. Because of schedule variations, allow a day for each round. Polite preference for official matches is requested on the courts.

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Each contributor has been placed in a discussion group with a staff member who will read his or her ms. Staff will notify contributors by mail when to meet in conference. Most will be held next week. Speak to your reader about special scheduling problems.

Elliott Chooses Short Story For Evening's Reading

George Elliott, who is both poet and fiction writer, will read a short story titled "Is He Dead?" this evening. The story is taken from Elliott's collection of short stories, An Hour of Last Things. The tension and plot of "Is He Dead?" develop around a man who runs for governor while his son-in-law becomes involved in a murder and eventually turn to suicide.

Elliott's most recent novel, Michael of Byzantium, was recently delivered to the typist's. A short novel, with a working title of A Permitted Wife, is now in progress.

* * * *

SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY

- 9:00 Nancy Willard: "The Angel in the Parlor: the Reading and Writing of Fantasy."
10:10 Panel discussion on getting published, with James Landis, George Borchardt, Kathleen Fury, Anne Smith and David Marek.
11:20 Panel discussion continued.
2:00 Robert Pack: "Art and Unhappiness."
3:35 Hilma Wolitzer: "In the Flesh." Also, Bread Loaf Fellows John Engels and Carol Muske.

Epitaph for P. Rabbit

Here lies P. Rabbit,
Run over by a V. Rabbit.
He'd still have the rabbit habit
If only he'd stayed in
his rabbit habitat.

Unsigned.

Meredith Talk

There will be an open discussion of translation by William Meredith this afternoon. Meredith, who has translated the poems of Apollinaire, will begin the discussion at 4:30 on the porch of the theater.

* * * * *

Guests: new arrivals include Anne Mollegen Smith, Fiction Editor at Redbook; Kathy Fury, Articles Editor at Ladies Home Journal; James Landis, Senior Editor at William Morrow; George Borchardt, literary agent.

Need Help?

The Bread Loaf office and The Crumb will be happy to assist in scheduling readings, meetings, groups. Rooms can be assigned and tailored to audience size.

One project a volunteer might take up is a reading for the conference kids... Martins, Segal, and others.

Another example: individual readings or lectures. One, to be given by John Harnish, an auditor here and a marketing consultant in "real" life, is titled "A Nickel's Worth of Philosophy About How to Sell What You Write." John is speaking in classroom #1 in the barn at 9:30 tonight. Question period will follow.

~~~~~

Reminder: cocktails on the library porch at 5:00 this afternoon. And, a dance in the barn Saturday night after the reading. The dance will feature beer and music arranged and played by Adrian Benepe and his stereo system.

+ + + +

The game being played near the parking lot every night after dinner is volleyball. Join in.

\* \* \* \*

Before the end of the conference, the office will publish an address list that includes everyone here. The address given on the blue card will appear on the list, so if there are changes, let the office know.

### Liquor Lug

Richard Harteis will take orders for hard stuff this afternoon in the blue parlor: 1:45 - 2:00.

### Bredes Plans Tennis Tournament

Donald Bredes, a Bread Loaf Fellow, is planning to run the Second Annual Very Mixed Doubles Tournament. Sign up at the desk by Saturday at 5:00. Pairings will be posted Sunday, Aug. 22, when the competition begins.

If interest is high, singles events may be scheduled. Contact Don via the desk-mailbox connection.

Quiz: where would you meter?



Day's Schedule Features First  
Discussion Groups

by  
Our Special Correspondent

At 2:00 this afternoon the first discussion groups will meet in assigned classrooms and other locations. Lists of membership assignments and room numbers will be posted later in the day outside the dining room entrance.

The entire program for the day is as follows:

9:00 Richard Marck, Editor-in-Chief of the Dial Press, will speak on "What an Editor Does."

10:10 Stanley Elkin, at this writing stuck in Boston with a disabled car, will speak on fiction.

11:20 Robert Brustein, Dir. of the Yale Repertory Theater and Dean of the Yale School of Drama, will speak on "Writing for the Theater."

2:00 Discussion Groups

3:45 Linda Pastan, author of Aspects of Eve, will read from that book and new poems. Bread Loaf Fellows Sue Ellen Bridgers and Gregory Orr will also read.

Obituaries

P. Rabbit, unexpectedly

A cute, but stupid rabbit was reduced to two dimensions yesterday near Brandy Brook Cottage. You are asked to remember it in your prayers.

Old joke

One of Bill Zaranka's old jokes was seen trying to drown itself in the pond late yesterday afternoon. Dragged from the water, the joke could not be revived, though Mr. Zaranka tried several times.

~~~~~

Frost Cabin to Open

Kay Morrison, Robert Frost's longtime amenuensis, has offered to open the Frost cabin for conference members on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 10:00 a.m.

The cabin is off Rt. 125, a right turn immediately before the Robert Frost Memorial as you travel toward Ripton. The road is narrow and recent deluges have left the limited parking area a quagmire. The Morrisons request all cars be parked at the Memorial - no one may drive the dirt road. The walk is pleasant and short. The conference bus will ferry those who cannot walk. If you need a ride, or would be willing to jitney others, please sign up at the front desk by Saturday at dinner time.

Marvin Bell to Read from New Volume
This Evening

Marvin Bell, author of The Escape into You, a book sequence of poems, and Residue of Song, will read this evening in the theater. The poems will come from Bell's new book, Stars Which See, Stars Which Do Not See. Stars is scheduled for publication in February, 1977, by Atheneum.

There will be no lecture before the reading, Bell said. "I like to read poems which don't require any comment," he explained.

Besides poetry, Bell contributes a column to American Poetry Review. Also, he is about to begin using a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship which he was awarded in 1976. He plans to stay at home for the year. Home is Iowa City, Iowa.

% % % % %

Quiz: Was Edgar Allan Poe?

Sexist Statement Aired in Suprise Move
Violence Feared by Peter Seitel

The Crumb was approached recently by desk-person Peter Seitel with a seemingly harmless announcement. Conference members are asked not to triple park in the lot in front of the barn. Later, in a regrettable slip, Mr. Seitel added, "It must be women drivers...but don't quote me."

Though Mr. Seitel has shown no previous record of sexism, the behavior caused a series of withering glances and "yeah, sures" from witnesses. Peter has been offered protective custody by the Ripton police department.

* * *

Party

Don't forget: a party on the lawn at 4:30 this afternoon. Also, a reception on library porch Friday.

There are over four million goats in the United States.

Health

Conference nurse Mary Schalk has requested all health forms be handed in at desk as soon as possible. Members may also give them to her personally; she is the lady with a cast on her ankle.

B
U
L
L
E
T
I
N
S...

Assignment of mss. to staff readers will be posted outside the rear office by Thursday noon... (cont. reverse)

BULLETINS cont.....

Hartbergs Added as Guests

Richard Harteis will be in the blue parlor of the inn to take orders for the State Liquor Store, Friday, 1:45-2.00. Distribution at 5:30 in the parlor.....
Bread Box entry: "College Bred should not mean a four year loaf."

Peter and Judith Hartberg, from the Vermont Educational Television network, have been added to the conference guest list. They are visiting with an eye to producing a PBS documentary on the conference.

@@@@@@@@@

The Bread Box was not overflowing last night. However the great talent tap goes on. See your deathless prose or poetry in The Crumb by filling the Bread Box.

The shortest poem in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations consists of three words:
"Adam, Had'em."

THE CRUMB

Volume 41, No. 2

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

Wed., Aug. 18, 1976

Irving to Read "Rare" Short Story

John Irving, author of Setting Free the Bears and other novels, will read one of his rare short stories tonight in the theater.

"Pension Grillparzer" is Irving's newest completed work. "And it's the best short story I've written," says Irving, describing the theme as "the death of Vienna and death in Vienna." There are ten major characters in the piece and seven of them die.

"Pension Grillparzer" will appear in the November 15 issue of Antaeus.

This spring, Irving was awarded a Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship to complete his fourth novel, The World According to Garp. The novel will be published as Henry Robbins book by E. Dutton in 1978. Irving plans to read from Garp later in the week.

Schedule of the Day

- 9:00 Donald Justice: "The Flexibility of Structure."
10:00 George Elliott: "Fistory and Story-telling."
11:20 Mark Strand: "The Anxiety of Self-Imitation."
2:00 Geoffrey Wolff: "Writing My Biography, Black Sun."
3:15 Lore Segal: "Words, Words, Words."

(Lectures are delivered in the theater behind the inn. Check your map.)

* * *

Bulletins! ...know the market! A selection of little mags lives in the library (next to tennis courts), also in blue parlor.....
...six classrooms available in barn for readings and meetings. Post events next to dining hall entrance and other popular portals.....
Tim O'Brien will hear confessions behind the barn after the lecture.....

Socials

Plan ahead, shine your shoes and bathe for the reception on the lawn Thursday at 4:30.....
Also, there will be a reception on the library porch Friday at 5:00. All fetes move to the barn in case of rain.

+++++

Book Store

The book store's hours appear on the store's door, next to the administrative offices. Little Korvettes sells staple kits, aerosol deodorant and poetry and prose. It opens at 8:30 every morning.

Deadlines

Deadline is a macabre word, but there it is.

A manuscript deadline arrives at noon today. It is important to the staff's schedule that all material be in by 12:00.

Deadline #2: please

Crumb Introduces Bread Box

After the Chicago Tribune, The Crumb is the world's greatest newspaper. To continue greatness, it plans to recycle conference talent. Any suggestions, quiz questions, personals, love letters, postcards, bits, engagement announcements, dirty limericks and fillers may be stuffed in the Bread Box. The box, tastefully decorated by Harveth Martin, is on the inside of the dining room entrance.

Middlebury College and THE CRUMB welcome you to the Fifty-first Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. THE CRUMB is the official communication of the Conference, delivered each morning at breakfast and containing daily schedules, program changes, bureaucratic addenda, etc.

Tonight

Robert Pack and Sandy Martin, Directors, will open the Conference at 8 in the Little Theatre. Each will observe a 5-minute time limit. There will then be a talk by William Meredith, the first of the evening series. An informal reception will follow immediately afterwards in the Barn.

Manuscripts

All Contributors' manuscripts must be submitted to the Secretary's Office by Wednesday noon. Individual assignments will be completed by Thursday morning, and will be posted.

Discussion Groups

List and meeting places will be posted by Thursday morning outside the Dining Room.

Parking

State Police may issue tickets to cars parked in front of the Inn and along the road. Please use the parking area in front of the Barn. The area in front of the Inn is used for the taxi and for mail deliveries, and the space behind the Inn for unloading supplies.

From the Front Desk

Please check your mailbox several times a day for notices, telephone messages (some of the buildings at Bread Loaf do not have phone service, and calls can be relayed only through your mailbox), and telegrams.

Please do not make long-distance phone calls from your dormitories. Pay phones are located on the first floor of the Inn at the foot of the stairs near the Bookstore and outside in front of the Barn near the Fire House. Kindly remember that the switchboard closes at 10 p.m. sharp.

If you wish to get the daily and/or Sunday New York Times or Sunday Boston Globe, you must sign up at the Front Desk by Wednesday noon.

Bells

The Conference is governed by the bell and its ringer. A typical day's tolling includes a rising bell at 7:30 a.m., a breakfast bell at 8 a.m., lecture bells with 10-minute warnings (8:50, 9, 10:00, 10:10, 11:10, 11:20, 1:50 p.m., 2, 3:05, 3:15, 7:50, 8); also lunch and dinner bells at 1 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The dinging changes it's dinging on Tuesday, August 24th; this will be reported in THE CRUMB.

Meals

No one will be admitted to the Dining Room after the door has been shut. The door is open as follows: Breakfast 8-8:30 a.m. Lunch 1-1:15 p.m. Dinner 6:15-6:30 p.m.

This stringency is necessary so that waiters and waitresses can serve you, finish, and join you in the lecture hall or classroom; they are Conference members, too. The Snack Bar (in the Barn) is available to delinquents.

Laundry

There is no professional laundry or dry cleaning service available to Bread Loafers; a trip to Middlebury will be necessary for this. However, there are coin-operated washers and dryers in the basement of the Larch dormitory, and Ivory Snow is on sale at the Bookstore.

This Evening

Williams Meredith will read from his poems tonight.

Elkin Will Read
Short Story Tonight

Stanley Elkin, author of The Dick Gibson Show and other novels, will read a short story titled "The Conventional Wisdom" this evening in the theater. Elkin wrote the story because "...critics have been calling me a black humorist. I am not, but I decided to write some." The short story, says Elkin, is "as close as I can come."

Elkin, who teaches at Washington University in St. Louis, has held NEA, Rockefeller and Guggenheim grants. His latest volume, The Franchiser, was published recently by Farrar Straus and Giroux.

@@@

Store News

A 20% sale of all items in the book store begins this morning and will continue until Saturday evening. Hours today will be 8:30-9:00 and 8:00-10:00. Tomorrow, the store will open from 8:30-9:00, 12:30-1:00 and 5:00-6:00.

Anyone who brought books to be sold must pick up the remaining copies and leave a home address with Peter. Copies in the store after 6:00 Saturday will now be the store's responsibility.

Larry Raab's book, The Collector of Cold Weather, is back in stock.

PPPP

All library books and mags must be returned by Friday evening to library or front desk.

$\frac{11}{44}$

Can you believe that someone just walked into The Crumb's editorial rooms wanting back issues for scratch paper? I mean, really!

Reception

The Directors and Staff of Bread Loaf invite you for cocktails at 5:00 today on the lawn at Treman. Barn is rain option.

Also, remember the square dance tomorrow night and the tip box for the band's expenses.

@@@

Bulletins

Reception this afternoon on Treman lawn...Dance tomorrow in barn.... waiter tips, please.....

Schedule: Workshop
And Fellows Reading

9:00 Workshops: Elliott 2, Bell 1.

10:45 Workshops: Irving 2, Meredith 1.

2:00 Workshops: Willard 2, Strand 1.

3:30 Bread Loaf Fellows: Carolyn

Forche and David Dwyer. (Leon Shtainmets had to cancel to leave for a New York obligation.)

Pond Problems

House rule: no pushing off the raft in the pond.

Flash

Ms. Hawley shot the length of Texas Falls, verbatim. (sic)

+++++

On Beans: Comment

The beans served at yesterday's lunch half a radioactive half-life of 32 years. It has been suggested that they be stored for that period in the same manner as nuclear waste - concrete and lead bunkers, away from large population centers. One pile of beans on table thirty-three talked back to its would-be eater, claiming to be from the Bronx. This report has not been confirmed, though information on the bean question is welcome. We must know the enemy.

Address List

Even the lonliest got mail this morning - the Bread Loaf address list. If there are mistakes or if you have been left out, let the office have the corrections by Friday at 6:00 so they can be run in the final Crumb.

$\frac{1111}{4444}$

Hot Tip

Tips for maids should be handed to them personally or left at the front desk. Don't leave cash in rooms. All rooms must be vacated by 1:00 Sunday afternoon.

Guests

Guests include Carol Oles and Hilda Gregory, past Crumb editors.....Galway Kinnell...Richard Selzer...Joanna Krotz...Ruth Pollack...Brock and Ann Brower.....

11111111
44444444

Invitation

Your reactions to the conference will be valued and read. Let us have them now or later, by mail, after decompression and reflection.

...

Our Mary Jane has quite a head -
She takes whole books to bed,
Whereas maids in other ages
Were satisfied with single pages.

R.P.R.

This

vacant

space

is

poor

layout.

Mona Van Duyn Speaker Saturday Evening

Mona Van Duyn, the poet, who has authored Valentines to the Wide World, A Time of Bees and other books, will read from her work tonight. Van Duyn has received a National

Book Award for To See, To Keep and was awarded Guggenheim, Bollinger and Council of the Arts prizes. The selection of poems, not yet determined, will be read by a "weary" poet. Van Duyn explained: "At the end of Bread Loaf in 1976, an exhausted but happy poet will read to an exhausted (but, she hopes), a happy audience."

(((

SCHEDULE SHORT ON LAST DAY

Final workshops and a panel on little magazines are on today's program. The 3:30 hour is empty.

9:00 Workshops: Seg-

ain 2, Wolff 1.

10:45 Workshops: Jus-

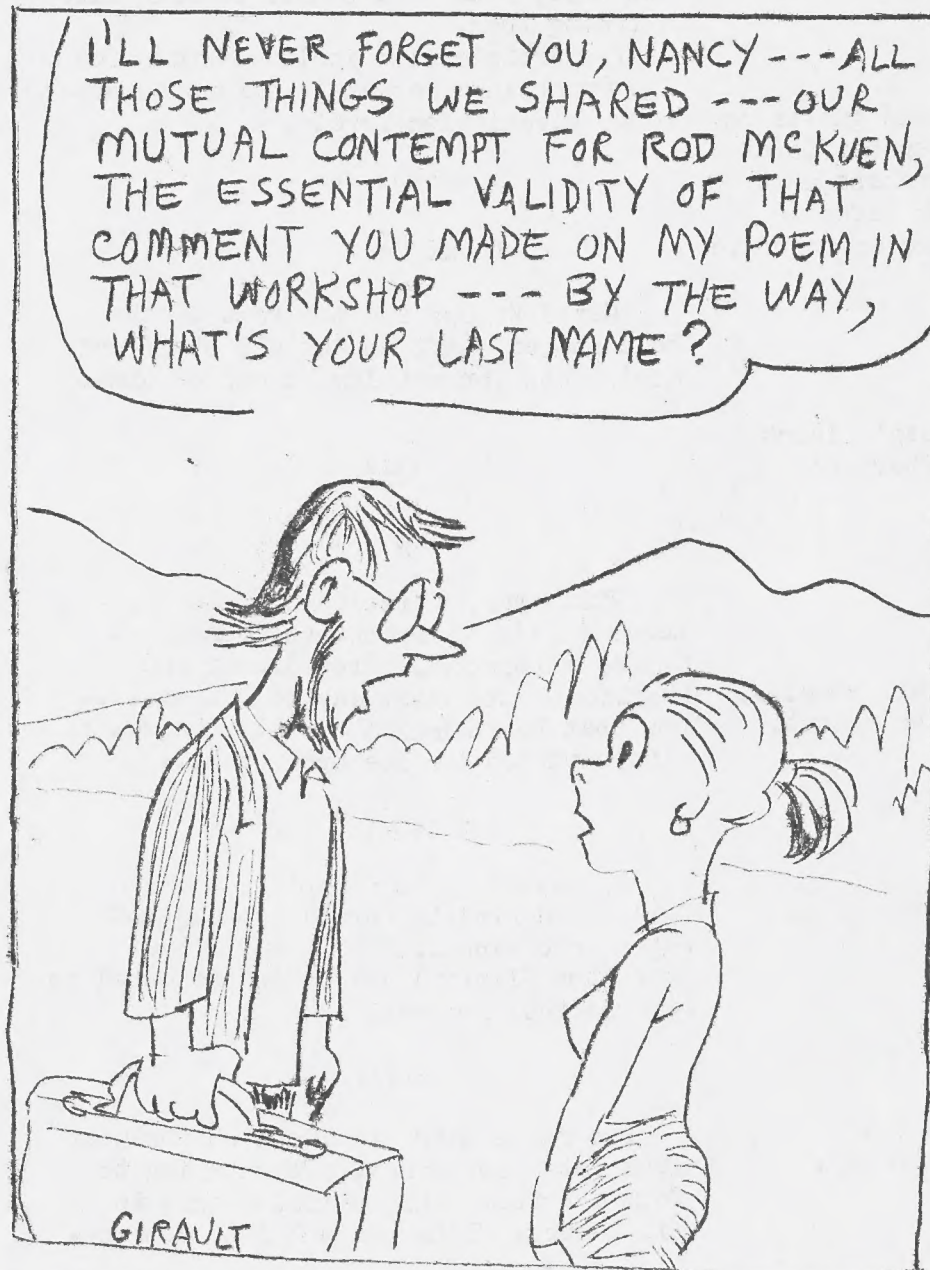
tice 1, Morrison 2.

2:00 Panel on Little

Mags and Small Presses:

Thurston, Gregory and

DeWitt Henry.

Farewell Editorial:
On Decompression

After you have been home an hour, your brain will get the bends. For two or three weeks, life will seem like running in four feet of water. You will think everyone else is slow-motion, that you have been stricken unjustly by being mortal. Console yourself: another week at Bread Loaf and we'd have the first car theft - "nothing gold can last," said someone. And the pain at home will wear away.

First, you will have liberal guilt pangs about feeling so elitist. Second, you will think: "Maybe I will send ten bucks to Carter." Third, you find yourself watching Welcome Back Kotter and laughing - and you get another Schlitz from the Amana and...

Have a nice trip home...

FAUNA
(Our New York correspondent)

Unconfirmed reports say a young female poet saw a frog hopping across 125, kissed it and watched in astonishment as the frog turned into Donald Justice.

1111
4444

Last Suppers

To accomodate departures, breakfast Sunday will be 7:30-8:00, lunch at 11:30. The snack bar will close at 12:00.

Publishing Wave

During Bread Loaf, two relative unknowns strode toward fame. Gerry Gromely received his first advance and kitchen maid Susan Harman, not even listed on the address list, brought out a chap book, titled Be Ye Also Ready. It is in the book store.

Meal Matters

Off-campus Bread Loafers and guests on campus note that the final banquet is at 6:30 Sat. evening. Please purchase meat tickets (\$6.50) at front desk before 2:00 so kitchen staff can take an accurate steak count. Yes, steak!

///

More Meal Matters

The beans served at Thursday's lunch will re d in the barn this afternoon at 3:30.

pppppp

Barn Dance

Yes, tonight! At 9:30! Y'all come.... apologies to Mr. Biddle for the accent.

ccccc

Guests

Jonathan A. Iron.... Ellen P. Osner....
DeWitt Henry.....

1111
4444

On the Thrag

There once was a person named May
Who was thrown overboard in the bay.
She looked in her bag
And pulled out a thrag
And scared all the icons away.

Rival Paper Praises Bread Loaf

The Burlington Free Press, in an article on the conference, called Bread Loaf a palace of great natural beauty, surrounded by the "aura" of literature. An unnamed conference participant --, was quoted as saying that "You're dealing with brilliant people here...after two days, your mind starts buzzing like a tuning fork."

The article also included kudos for The Crumb in a desperate effort to preserve circulation levels.

Thank You

Carol Knauss and the rest of the beleaguered staff thanks all staff and assistants for getting in mss on time.
TNX

1111
4444

Help

Jill Ryan, a resident of Larch, needs a ride to Greenwich, Conn. on Sunday afternoon. Free dinner and breakfast the next day to driver..... now that he thinks about it, the ed. has always wanted to see Greenwich...

11111111
44444444

At yesterday's reception, Marvin Bell accidentally turned a bucket of water into wine...but it was a bad year (too flinty) and he is requested to reverse the process.

PPPPP

Two geese had breakdown on the west lawn late yesterday, after trying to form a V from Chicoutimi, Quebec to Middlebury. The geese had no comment.

(Last word: The Burlington Free Press article on Bread Loaf appeared on the food page...really!)

Puzzle Page

To give you something to do on the way back to America, work the following cryptogram. It is a quote from a major poet, generally recognized to be more "major" than any of Bread Loaf's teaching staff. He has not, however, been asked to speak or visit here.

"Mpsezohft,' rvpe if, 'opx ifslofui
gps uif cftuf;
Qvu ubbl ju opvhiu, J qsfz zpx, jo
ettefzo.
Uijt it uif qpzou, up tqflfo tipsu
boe qmfzo,
Uibu fdi pg zpx, up tipsuf xjui pvst
xfzf,
Jo uijt wjbhf tibm ufmmf ubmft uxzfz
Up Njeemfcvysz-xbse.....!"

Rumors are that the mist surrounding Bread Loaf recently is a fog of old Bread Loaf poets and novelists, waiting to take over the campus. Another story suggests that Robert Frost will read tonight in the theater. All of this is unconfirmed.

$$\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{4}$$

Correction

The office regrets making Mark Strand a non-person in the address list. His correct address is 169 West 21st, NYC 10011.

$$\frac{1111}{2444}$$

\$0\$ Situation

John Harnish has a sick car and empty pockets. So, he's selling wall and hot plate for \$2 on the front porch after breakfast.

PPPP

Help Wanted

If any Bread Loafers want to stay, they can freelance for the Burlington Free Press. Contact John Howland, State Editor, at the BFP, 187 College St., Burlington, Vt. Telephone: 800-642-3124 (in Vt.) or 802-863-3441.

Last joke, a line the editor never could jam in.....:at table, one describes his hangover to another as feeliig "weak and limbless as spit." This line can be bought from the Crumb for a flat \$5 and the usual royalties

Puzzle #2

Connect the dots below and you will see a picture of W. B. Yeats and Maud Gonne in intimate relationship. The Hudson River flows in the background and the bird is a Yellow Warbler.

Go home sayiig: "Ah, now I've talked to the finest minds and they are just like me.

Go home saying: "Ah, now I've talked to the finest minds and they are just like me."